

## AN URGENT APPEAL.

Public Alliance Asks President Roosevelt to End Coal Strike.

They Hoped the Matter Would Be Settled on J. P. Morgan's Return, But He Declines to Make Concessions or Arbitrate.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 30.—The public alliance of this city which has been endeavoring to bring about a settlement of the coal strike in the interests of the business men of the anthracite region has sent the following appeal to President Roosevelt:

"To the President of the United States: Since the inception of the barbarous and senseless struggle in the anthracite coal region, we, the non-combatants who stand upon neutral ground, have suffered the inevitable fate of such unfortunate. The tide of battle ebbs and flows over and above us. We have endured patiently. We have petitioned humbly. We had hoped for much upon J. P. Morgan's return. But now, after a struggle of four months' duration, a period of suffering and progressive business paralysis when it seemed to us that the time was propitious for a settlement of some kind, if not a matter of concession to public opinion, yet as a plain business proposition, Mr. Morgan has met with his henchmen and the edict has gone forth: 'There will be no settlement, no arbitration, no conciliation, no mediation, no concessions. The fight must go on.'

"Mr. Morgan has placed a bar upon us which means universal ruin, destitution, riot and bloodshed.

"Is J. P. Morgan greater than the people? Is he mightier than the government? Will he be permitted to retain this menacing power?

"It is time that the people should speak. It is time that their voice should be heard.

"Representing the interests and sentiment of nine-tenths of our people, we appeal to you to use your influence to stay the judgment, which crushes us. Encouraged by your recent utterances, relying upon your judgment and patriotism, confident of your moral courage, we appeal from the king of the trusts to the president of the people.

(Signed)  
"THE PUBLIC ALLIANCE."  
"T. F. HART, Chairman."

President Mitchell said Friday that there were no negotiations on for a settlement of the strike so far as he knew. Mr. Mitchell will leave here Saturday for Atlantic City and will spend Sunday at the sea shore. On Monday he will go to Philadelphia and deliver the principal address at the Labor day meeting.

Philadelphia, Aug. 30.—Having exhausted every other means for preserving peace and in protecting the non-union men from violence on their way to and from the mines, Brig. Gen. Gobin, in command of the troops now in the coal fields, issued an order that the soldiers shall shoot any persons detected in throwing stones or other missiles, and that if any mob resist the authority of the troops they shall use their bayonets and rifle butts. The Panther Creek valley has been in almost continual turmoil this week and the troops stationed there have had a difficult time in protecting the lives of workmen. Friday night the situation in that valley improved considerably, and it is hoped by the military authorities that the lawlessness and abusive language directed toward the soldiers will now cease. The other sections of the coal regions are comparatively quiet.

The general strike situation remains unchanged. There is some coal being shipped but the quantity is so small compared with the normal shipment that it has little or no effect on the market. The fuel now coming to market is principally washery and loose coal.

### THE NINTH CAVALRY REGIMENT.

It Will Be Relieved From Duty in the Philippines and Sent Home.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Gen. Chaffee has called to the war department that he and his successor, Gen. Davis, are of the opinion that another regiment of cavalry can now be spared from duty in the Philippine Islands. The necessary orders have been forwarded to him to send home one regiment, and the headquarters and six troops of the 9th cavalry will be relieved from duty and will sail on the Logan for San Francisco September 15. The remainder of the regiment will sail October 1. The stations for this regiment in the United States have not yet been designated.

Republic of Cuba Recognized.  
Havana, Aug. 30.—President Palma, at the cabinet meeting, read out the letters from King George of Greece, Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, and Dr. Campos Salles, president of Brazil, recognizing the republic of Cuba.

Boys Confessed to Counterfeiting.  
Dubuque, Ia., Aug. 30.—Clyde Ellis, Roy Gregory, William Edson and Frank Quinlan, boys, were arrested Friday charged with making and passing counterfeit dimes. The boys confessed and gave up molds crudely made of bricks.

Child Drank Lye.  
Petersburg, Va., Aug. 30.—A 4-year-old child of C. Utz, living near here, drank a quantity of concentrated lye, and died in a few hours. The mother was making soap, and left the lye within reach of the child.

### MURDER AT MONROE, MICH.

Joseph Labarge Chased By a Mob and Shot Dead.

Monroe, Mich., Aug. 30.—Walter Lamerand, lately from Toledo, came home and found a man, a Frenchman, in the house with his wife. A quarrel ensued, the unknown finally running from the house. An officer attempted to arrest him when he ran down Third street and a crowd pursued. The cry, "assault," was raised and the mob began to shoot. The unknown ran into a cornfield where he was surrounded and shot dead, a bullet penetrating his heart.

The woman denies that there was any assault. An inquest is being held. The two men whose shots killed the victim are known.

Mrs. Lamerand told the sheriff that the dead man is Joseph Labarge, 319 Cherry street, Toledo. She says that she and Labarge had planned an elopement.

No arrests will be made until after the inquest, which occurs Saturday.

### SEVERE FIGHTING.

The Revolutionists Repulsed at Taguay With Heavy Loss.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Aug. 30.—Advices of an official nature which have reached here from Caracas, Venezuela, are to the effect that a severe fight occurred Thursday between government forces and the advance guard of the revolutionary army under Gen. Matos. The revolutionists were commanded by Gens. Zolito and Vidal.

They made an attempt to occupy the town of Taguay, but after a fight of five hours they abandoned the field to the government forces. Two hundred of the revolutionists were killed or wounded.

President Castro is now at Cua, 25 miles from Caracas.

### EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

Colored People of the Middle West Will Meet in Metropolis, Ill.

Metropolis, Ill., Aug. 30.—The colored citizens of this place and the members of Henry Cobb post, colored, G. A. R., are arranging for a big emancipation celebration September 22 and 23.

It will cover the territory of Southern Illinois, Southeastern Missouri and Western Kentucky and several thousand visitors will be present. Prominent speakers, including Gov. Yates, Senator William F. Mason, Secretary of State James A. Rose, of Illinois, and Gen. John C. Black, of Chicago, will be present.

### THE PRESIDENT SHOT A BOAR.

Roosevelt Spent a Day in New England to His Liking.

Newport, N. H., Aug. 30.—President Roosevelt was Friday entertained in a manner to his liking. Instead of making numerous addresses, meeting committees and indulging in hand-shaking, he plugged into the forest of the Corbin preserve in the Croyden mountain region and hunted big game, and just before dark succeeded in shooting a boar. In a few remarks preliminary to his talk here he had disclaimed any intention to go hunting but Senator Proctor, who, like the president, is a good shot, induced him to alter his determination.

Mrs. Fair's Heirs Got Over a Million.  
San Francisco, Aug. 30.—By the terms of the agreement made between the heirs of the late Mrs. C. L. Fair and Mrs. H. Oelrichs and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., the former are given more than \$1,000,000. Of this sum \$300,000 in gold coin has been paid by Herman Oelrichs, on behalf of his wife and sister-in-law, to Mrs. Nelson. The money was deposited in the First national bank, where it now stands in the name of Mrs. Nelson. Within a month the balance will be handed over to the heirs of Mrs. Fair.

A Ten Million Dollar Mortgage.  
New York, Aug. 30.—A mortgage for \$10,000,000, made by the Bethlehem Steel Co., of Pennsylvania, was filed with the county register of Hudson county, New Jersey, Friday. It is in favor of the Colonial Trust Co., of New York, and is to secure an issue of \$10,000,000 of 20 year 5 per cent. gold bonds.

### Roosevelt Invited to Knoxville.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 30.—Congressmen Gibson and Brownlow, on behalf of the city of Knoxville, wired President Roosevelt extending him a formal invitation to stop in Knoxville en route to Asheville from Chattanooga.

The President Will Stop at Wheeling.  
Newport, R. I., Aug. 30.—Secretary Cortelyou announced Friday that the president, on his trip to Tennessee and North Carolina, would stop at Wheeling, W. Va., on the morning of September 6. It is expected that the trip will consume about one week.

The Week's Business Failures.  
New York, Aug. 30.—Business failures for the week ending August 23 number 140, as against 181 last week, 188 in this week last year, 165 in 1900, 131 in 1899 and 164 in 1898. In Canada failures number 20, against 26 last week and 29 a year ago.

Twenty Business Houses Burned.  
Livingston, Tex., Aug. 30.—Fire of incendiary origin destroyed 20 business houses, causing a loss of \$135,000 with insurance of 30 per cent. Gerlach & Bro. are the heaviest losers, their losses being \$40,000.

## THE MOCK WAR IS ON.

"Hostilities" Between the Army and Navy Opened.

Never in History of This Country Has Such Grim Aspect Been Given to Defense Which Guards the New England Coast.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 1.—Under cover of fog and the blackness of night, the North Atlantic fleet, commanded by Rr. Adm. Higginson, slipped its cable in Menemsha Bight, Vineyard sound, shortly before 10 o'clock Sunday night and put to sea, making the first move afloat in the war game between army and navy in the imaginary along the southern New England coast. On land from Fort Rodman, at Bedford, to Fort Wright, at Fisher's Island, every fortification is manned by artillerymen and every head land is patrolled by signal men just as carefully as if a real hostile fleet were about to descend upon this part of the seaboard.

The actual war period began at the expiration of 48 hours of preparation, and while they appeared to take things easily during that interval, the land forces under supreme command of Maj. Gen. MacArthur were drilled at the guns and at a signal station with all the vigor that forecasts real conflict.

Never in the history of this country has such a grim aspect been given to the defenses which guard New Bedford, the cities on Narragansett bay, the Connecticut shore, and, more important even, the city of New York, from attack under cover of Martha's Vineyard and adjacent islands and through the great waterway—Long Island sound.

Sunday night when taps sounded at all the forts nearly 5,000 artillerymen went to step beside their guns ready to spring up for action when the alarm sounded. The walls of the fortifications were paced by guards and along the beaches sharp eyed signalmen swept the sea with their glasses feverishly anxious lest the light of a hostile war vessel be taken for that of a friendly merchant craft.

On sea the fleet had been swallowed up in darkness and it will be heard from next when it makes a descent on the coast within the zone of hostilities. There are nearly 5,000 men afloat and it may be that Adm. Higginson will endeavor to land his marines at some exposed point of the shore defenses and attempt to capture it before making his attack in an effort to force an entrance to Buzzard's or Narragansett bay or Long Island sound, or even to silence some one of the big forts. The army says it is ready for anything which may develop, but anticipating an early landing party from the fleet at Gay Head, the signal station there was moved to higher grounds to avoid being rushed by marines. To cripple the army line of communication may be Adm. Higginson's first thought, in order to use his marines. The first point of attack is looked for at Fort Rodman, manned by volunteer artillerymen, but there may occur only a reconnaissance by the gunboats while the great battle ships swing into action to the westward and by skilful maneuvering, theoretically hammer the fortifications to a mass of ruins with their ponderous turret rifles.

Like chessmasters, it is Adm. Higginson's turn now.

### THE "BIG GLORY."

The Largest Balloon Ever Constructed Starts From Denver.

Denver, Col., Sept. 1.—"Big Glory," one of the largest balloons ever constructed, was successfully started from this city Sunday on a trip, the purpose of which is to break the world's long distance record as well as all previous records for fast balloon sailing. It also intends ultimately to reach New York, if possible.

The balloon contains 140,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas and was built especially for this trip. The expedition was planned and equipped by the Denver Post. The occupants of the balloon are Capt. T. S. Baldwin and Percy Hudson, aeronauts, and C. S. Sherman, a member of the art staff of the Post. Bottles containing messages will indicate the course of travels and experiences of the travelers.

### SULTAN OF BINDAYAN.

Shot and Killed By a Sentry While Attempting to Escape.

Manila, Sept. 1.—The sultan of Bindayan, who was held as a hostage by the American forces at Camp Wickers, Island of Mindanao, attempted to escape from his guards last Thursday and was shot and killed by a sentry. The sultan had been arrested after the recent murders of American soldiers in Mindanao, and was being held pending the surrender of the murderers.

### The President Invited.

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 1.—An invitation has been extended to President Roosevelt to attend the G. A. R. reunion at Lakemont park on September 13. It has been intimated that he will accept if arrangements can be made.

### The Cholera Is Increasing.

Manila, Sept. 1.—The cholera is increasing. Last Saturday 340 cases were reported in the provinces. The totals reported up to date are 27,929 cases and 19,640 deaths from the disease.

### CARLISLE GRAHAM'S FEAT.

He Swam From Whirlpool Through the Lower Rapids.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Carlisle D. Graham swam from the whirlpool below Niagara Falls through the lower rapids to Lewistown Sunday. Graham made a better swim than he did September 9, 1901, when Maude Willard attempted to navigate the upper rapids in Graham's barrel and was suffocated. Graham Sunday wore a life preserver about his waist and a neck float. The swift running current whirled the swimmer to the center of the stream and for nearly half an hour Graham battled with the waves. As far as the Devil's Hole it appeared comparatively easy for Graham and then he plunged into rough water that many times hid him from sight. Only once, however, was he in danger. A current suddenly tossed him toward the shore dangerously near a big boulder that showed threateningly above the surface. By desperate swimming he just avoided the rock and was carried on down stream. Below the Devil's Hole where the river narrows Graham had another hard battle. For a time he was completely hidden from view and the hundreds of spectators on the bridge and along the banks were greatly excited. Graham soon appeared in the smoother water where the river widens. He declined to enter a boat and swam to the shore just below the new trolley bridge.

### GEN. GOBIN DENOUNCED.

Philadelphia Central Labor Union's Resolutions Condemn His Order.

Philadelphia, Sept. 1.—The Central Labor union of Philadelphia, at its regular meeting Sunday, unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing Brig. Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, in command of the troops now on duty in the anthracite coal fields, for issuing an order calling on his men to shoot strikers if they resist the authority of the troops. The resolutions set forth that it is illegal for the general to issue an order to "Kill citizens of Pennsylvania who are guaranteed trials by jury for any offense they may commit." The resolutions request Gov. Stone to revoke the commission of Gen. Gobin and the civil authorities is asked to have the general indicted and tried for "Threatening the lives of citizens of the state of Pennsylvania."

The secretary of the union was instructed by the union to send a letter of protest to Gov. Stone for the alleged breaking of a promise that he is said to have made to these anthracite district presidents to the effect that he would not permit the state troops to escort non-union men to and from the mines. It is claimed that the governor made this promise to Presidents Nichols, Duffy and Fahy on the occasion of their visit to Harrisburg in May.

### SYMPATHIZE WITH STRIKERS.

Soldiers Persuade Miners at Work to Join in the Strike.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 1.—An unexpected situation has resulted from the ordering out of the national guard to preserve order in the coal fields. The soldiers, whose sympathy was all with the strikers from the start, have used their influence with the men who are at work and have persuaded so many of them to join in the strike that the detachment stationed at Rush Run had to be recalled and sent to another point to keep it from emptying the mine.

Hundreds of families were sleeping Sunday night under the skies for cover and with only the shelter of the latrines for protection. It is estimated that over a thousand families have been evicted in the New River valley and most of them had no place to go.

### STOCK SUFFERING.

Many Are Dying For Want of Feed and Water in Oregon.

Burns, Ore., Sept. 1.—There never has been a time in the history of Harney county when stock has suffered so much for food and water as during the present summer. The hot weather in the last six months has dried the grass in the hills and the springs and small creeks have been fenced up. In several places cattle are dying for want of feed and water.

### A CIGARETTE STUMP.

It Was the Cause of a Disastrous Prairie Fire in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 1.—A prairie fire in the vicinity of Marlow, near the Oklahoma boundary, raged 12 hours Sunday, destroying everything in its path. Farmers and stockmen, more than a hundred strong, fought the flames, which when night came, were finally stopped by counterfires. One hundred and fifty tons of hay and several fields of growing corn were consumed. A strong north wind gave the fire great headway. It originated from a cigarette stump.

Condemn Bullet-Proof Shields.  
Washington, Sept. 1.—The United States army ordinance officers, after an exhaustive test, have reported against the adoption of bullet-proof cloth shields. The test showed that, weight for weight, the shields were not as resistant as steel plate.

### Coal Yard Syndicate.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—The consolidation of 300 small coal yards in Chicago is contemplated by an eastern syndicate. Several thousand retail coal dealers, from the "basket" merchants up, will be forced out of business.

## AGAIN IN ERUPTION.

Loud Detonations Heard in the Vicinity of Martinique.

The Entire Island of Guadeloupe Has Been Covered With a Cloud of Dust Coming From the Direction of Martinique.

St. John, Antigua, B. W. I., Sept. 1.—Many very loud detonations were heard here from 9 o'clock Saturday night to midnight.

Basse Terre, St. Kitts, B. W. I., Sept. 1.—A series of loud reports was heard here Saturday night from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Roseau, Dominica, B. W. I., Sept. 1.—A thick mist has enveloped Roseau and its neighborhood and dust is falling.

Roseau, Dominica, B. W. I., Sept. 1.—The thick mist which enveloped Roseau Saturday was taken as it approached for a rain storm. The dust is still falling, although lightly, but during the night of the 30th the quantity of the dust which fell here will be greater than upon any previous occasion since the first eruption of Mont Pelee. At nightfall of the 30th a dark cone-shaped cloud, emitting electric flashes, rose in the south, but it gradually was obscured by the mist caused by the falling ashes. Rumbling noises and a few detonations were heard during the night of the 30th. The people here are quiet. No news has yet reached here from Martinique.

Point a Pitre, Island of Guadeloupe, Sept. 1.—This entire port has been covered with a cloud of fine dust since 5 o'clock Sunday morning and the populace is panic-stricken. Fine ashes are falling continually in a slight drizzle. Semi-darkness is over the sea and the ships in the harbor seem to be enveloped in a cloud of smoke.

Advices from Basse Terre (Island of Guadeloupe) assert that since day-break Sunday the entire island has been covered with a cloud of dust coming from the southeast, the direction of the island of Martinique. The population of Basse Terre is greatly alarmed.

### RAN INTO A WASHOUT.

Fast Mail Wrecked and Two Trainmen Killed.

Fairchild, Wis., Sept. 1.—The fast mail, eastbound, on the Chicago & Northwestern road, ran into a washout near here about midnight Saturday night and two trainmen were killed. The dead: Engineer Ira Wallace, Altoona, Wis.; Fireman Robinson, St. Paul.

The train was running at a high rate of speed and the first mail car followed the locomotive into the ditch and was badly splintered. The mail clerks escaped with but slight injuries. The passenger coaches and sleepers left the track, but did not turn over, and beyond a severe shaking up none of the occupants were hurt. The track was blocked until late Sunday night. The bodies of the dead trainmen were extricated from the wreckage and taken to Eau Claire on a special train.

### WAS CAPSIZED.

A Bottle Containing a Note Found Near Bahia Honda.

Key West, Fla., Sept. 1.—A bottle has been found floating in the water near Bahia Honda containing a note on which was written the following: "Luckra, O., April 15, 1902—Here is an open letter to brothers and others. Got capsized this evening at 4:30, latitude 15-1; longitude 81-3; good night. Harry R. P. Thorpejohnson, Schooner Angelina.

"God be with you till we meet in Heaven."

"R. P. T. Master."

The location indicated above shows that the bottle was thrown overboard on the coast of Africa.

### STRIKE THREATENED.

Cattle Butchers at Chicago and Other Points May Go Out.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Unless a compromise is effected, the cattle butchers employed by the various packers at the stock yards will go on strike next Wednesday morning and the butchers in the packing plants in Kansas City, South Omaha, St. Louis, Sioux City, St. Paul and St. Joseph, Mo., say they will do likewise.

The Butchers' union has made in all these cities a demand for an increase of ten per cent. in wages and if the request is refused, concerted action has been agreed upon.

Italian King Starts For Home.  
Potsdam, Prussia, Sept. 1.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who has been visiting Emperor William, started for home Sunday. The king and the emperor drove together to Wild Park station. Here the leave-taking of the monarchs was most cordial and they embraced each other repeatedly.

May End Strike By Legislation.  
Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 1.—Persistent rumors were circulated Sunday that a special session of the legislature may be called by Gov. Stone in the interest of legislation looking to the arbitration of the strike in the anthracite region.

### Husband and Wife Slain.

Gainesville, Fla., Sept. 1.—The bodies of Dr. and Mrs. Britton Lewis, residing near Bronson, were found on the floor of their home by neighbors. The house had been pillaged and Lewis and his wife murdered.

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